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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Doeberitz airfield between 16 March and 5 April 1955:

16 March. At about 0830, 21 Il-10s took off individually and in formations of three, subsequently assembled in one formation and disappeared toward the southwest at an altitude of about 600 meters. Between 0930 and 0940, these aircraft landed again. An Il-10 which had taken off at 0745 landed at 0900. At about 1000, about 12 Il-10s were parked at the northern edge of the field in front of the aircraft repair shop at Hamburger Chaussee. About 35 aircraft were parked in the hangars of the aircraft repair shop and in the hangars in the southern section of the field. 25X1

17 March. At about 1130, a high-wing monoplane with single-rudder assembly took off and headed toward Wildpark at an altitude of about 200 meters. No more air activity was observed.

18 March. There was no air activity.

19 March. At 0725, 1 Po-2 landed. Between 0840 and 0852, 34 Il-10s took off in formations of three and four. The aircraft subsequently made one local flight and assembled in one formation which headed toward the southwest at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. About 15 minutes passed between the first take-offs and the assembling in one formation. Between 0940 and 0945, the 34 Il-10s approached from west-southwest and landed individually at intervals of about 300 meters. Between 1230 and 1235, 11 Il-10s took off in elements of two and four, subsequently made one local flight and assembled in one formation which headed toward west-southwest at an altitude of 600 meters. Between 1330 and 1334, the 11 Il-10s approached again from the west-southwest and landed individually at intervals of about 200 meters. About 2/3 of the 47 Il-10s were marked by yellow rudder assemblies and propeller hubs. Three quarters of the Il-10s were parked in the hangars in the southern section of the field, the remainder at the northern edge of the field..

24 March. At about 1130 and 1830, 1 Po-2 each took off and

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subsequently headed toward Wildpark. No more air activity was observed until 28 March. The Il-10s which had transferred to Doeberitz on 14 March were parked in the hangars in the southern section of the field.

30 March. Between 1130 and 1134 and between 1432 and 1435, 3 Il-10s approached from the direction of Schoenwalde and landed.

1 April. At about 1000, 3 Po-2s took off, subsequently headed toward the southwest and returned from there after an hour. Between 1850 and 0100, Po-2s made individual local flights.

4 April. Between 1815 and 2100, 8 Po-2s practiced flying.

5 April. Between 1100 and 1700, there was air activity by Il-10s. The aircraft flew individually at altitudes between 400 to 700 meters and disappeared out of sight in various directions. They returned after about 45 minutes. There were no colored markings on their rudder assemblies and propeller hubs.

2. On 14 March, 12 x 37-mm AA guns had been emplaced at the western edge of the field. During the night from 24 to 25 March, the guns<sup>2</sup> left the field by road in the direction of Ketalin - Brandenburg.
3. During the morning of 28 March, the fuel of 3 large railroad tank cars which were parked on the spur track in the area of the aircraft repair shop was transferred to the fuel dump at the northern edge of the field by means of hoses.
4. The following observations were made at Richthofen Kaserne between 21 March and 1 April:

On 28 March, there were apparently no changes in the occupation. An estimated 2,000 men were still stationed there. Soldiers seen entering and leaving wore black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia. Reconditioning work on the buildings north and west of the athletic field were completed but the buildings were still unoccupied. Truck [redacted]

[redacted] seen proceeding to or from the installation between 24 and 28 March.

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[redacted] On 1 April, 200 to 220 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and air force insignia arrived at the installation and were quartered in the southern part of the barracks installation. These newly arrived soldiers increased the occupational strength of Richthofen Kaserne to about 2,200 personnel.

5. The following observations were made at the Priort railroad station between 30 March and 1 April:

Between 1000 and 1100 on 30 March, a train of 24 boxcars and 3 or 4 flatcars with sidetracks was unloaded. The boxcars were occupied by 200 to 220 personnel, including officers, NCOs, EM, and female personnel in air force uniforms in equal lots. NCOs and EM were 22 to 25 years old. In

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addition billeting equipment was unloaded. Four-axle truck trailers and compressed air containers were unloaded from the flatcars. The equipment was piled up on the loading ramp of the railroad station and was hauled in the direction of the barracks installation by trucks and tractors on 30 and 31 March and 1 April. The newly arrived unit was quartered in the southeastern quartering buildings of the barracks installation.

6. At 1417 on 31 March, a shipment from Brandenburg - Altstadt arrived at the Dallgow railroad station. The train consisted of 17 flatcars and 23 boxcars and was escorted and unloaded by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. The flatcars carried 10 fuel containers. Part of the shipment was unloaded at Dallgow while the rest of the cars, 88 axles, were shunted to Priort. The shipment returned from there and was finally shunted to the Wusternmark marshaling yard with connection to Doeberitz airfield.

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1. Comment. The Il-10 unit which presumably permanently transferred to Doeberitz is, according to the tactical symbols, the ground attack regiment from Brandenburg-Briest.

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2. Comment. The reason for the movement of this AAA unit is unknown.

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3. Comment. The shipments and the additional occupation of quartering buildings are connected with the transfer of the ground attack regiment from Brandenburg - Briest to Doeberitz.

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